

JAPANESE VICE-ADMIRAL GIVES GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION OF MONDAY'S GREAT VICTORY.

Considerable Loss, He Says, Was Inflicted on the Russians—Attack Begun at Midnight Sunday—Damage to Japanese Fleet Was Slight, and Fighting Strength of Force Was Not Decreased—Conduct of Japs During the Engagement Was Strikingly Cool; Not Unlike That of Ordinary Military Manoeuvres—Spirits Run High Since the Battle—Vice-Admiral Feels Confident That Russians Sustained Heavy Damage—Latest News From Scene of Operation.

Tokio, Thursday, Feb. 11.—Vice-Admiral Togo's official report of the desperate attack of the Japanese fleet at Port Arthur reached Tokio late this afternoon. The report was written at sea February 10 at a point undisclosed by the navy department. The report briefly and modestly recounts the Japanese victory. Vice-Admiral Togo left the battleground not knowing the full extent of the damage his torpedo shells had inflicted, but he was evidently confident that the Russians had suffered heavily. A translation of Vice-Admiral Togo's report follows:

RUSSIA ISSUES WAR ORDERS

St. Petersburg, Feb. 12.—An imperial ukase dated February 10, was issued today. It commands that all the troops in the military establishment in the Siberian military districts, be placed in readiness for war; that all the divisions in the far eastern vicerealty be brought to war strength and that the army and navy reserves in the Siberian and Kazan districts be called out for active service. The authorities are empowered to make requisition for the necessary horses.

RUSSIAN TORPEDO BLOWN UP

St. Petersburg, Feb. 13, 4 a. m.—A report has been received from Viceroy Alexieff, saying that the Russian torpedo transport Yeniesel has been blown up as the result of accidentally striking a mine at Port Arthur. The vessel sank and Captain Stephanoff, three officers and 91 men were lost.

UNCLE SAM'S NOTE

Washington, Feb. 12.—To Russia and Japan the Washington government suggests the propriety of limiting hostilities within as small an area as possible and of respecting the neutrality and administrative entity of China, that it may be free from disturbances and foreign interests there from menace.

BRITISH STEAMER FIRED ON BY RUSSIANS

Immediate Apology is Made, However.

Cherof, Feb. 11.—(Delayed in transmission.)—The British steamer Pu Ping, when leaving Port Arthur was fired upon by the Russians. Three Chinese members of the crew were wounded. The Russians afterwards apologized for firing upon the vessel. The Pu Ping upon its arrival at Weihaiwei, filed a protest with the British consul. The American consul has reported to Minister Conger that Russian authorities have refused to allow the American steamer Pleides to leave Port Arthur. The Pleides sailed

ONLY TWO SERIOUS CONFLICTS BETWEEN RUSSIANS AND JAPS

Reports of Numerous Engagements Have Not Been Confirmed—Confusion of Dates Thought to be Responsible.

New York, Feb. 12.—A careful study of the reports that have reached America and Europe from the east, including press dispatches and communications through official channels, would indicate that but two actual conflicts of any moment have so far occurred between Russia and Japan. These are the Japanese naval attack on Port Arthur on Monday night and Tuesday morning, and the affair at Chemulpo on Monday and Tuesday. In

circles whose knowledge of conditions in that part of the world allows them to speak with accuracy, the various reports of other engagements are considered but echoes of the two fights. News travels slowly in North China, as cable and telegraphic facilities are very limited, and it is evident that as reports of the Port Arthur and Chemulpo affairs reach various points they are promptly cabled by resident correspondents, resulting in a national confusion of dates.

NEGRO ASSAILANT OF MRS. SHIELDS IS LANDED IN CUSTODY

Prisoner Was Placed on Special Train and Rushed to Richmond to Escape Mob's Fury—He Was Met and Attacked by His Brother on Arrival at Virginian Capital.

Roanoke, Va., Feb. 12.—Henry Williams, colored, who was arrested at Northfork, W. Va., Tuesday, on suspicion of having committed a murderous assault and outrage on Mrs. George L. Shields and her 2-year-old daughter, in their home, on January 26, made a full confession of the crime in the Bluefield W. Va. jail today. Williams gave up two watches and some clothing stolen from the Shields home. He was placed on a special train and rushed to Richmond under heavy guard. The train passed Roanoke, at three o'clock this evening, traveling at a speed of forty miles an hour and Williams will be placed in the state penitentiary for safe-keeping, the feeling being such that the authorities are satisfied it would be unwise to bring him here at this time. Williams entered the Shields residence in the heart of the city, at noon and brutally assaulted Mrs. Shields and her daughter with a razor and hatchet, leaving both for dead. Mrs.

Shields was found locked in a closet with her throat cut from ear to ear and her skull fractured in several places. Rewards aggregating \$2,000 were offered for the capture of the negro. The local militia company was kept under arms for more than a week after her crime was committed. Several negroes who have expressed themselves in incertory language concerning the case have been driven out of Roanoke.

Attacked by Brother.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 12.—Henry Williams, colored, the alleged assailant of Mrs. Shields and her little daughter in Roanoke, was brought here this evening and lodged in the Richmond city jail for safe-keeping. A brother of Mrs. Shields was at the station when the negro arrived, and became so incensed at the prisoner that he struck him in the face and was in turn prettily roughly handled by the detectives before they were informed who he was.

HOUSE PASSED 320 PENSION BILLS

SPEAKER CANNON RUSHES THROUGH RECORD BATCH OF MEASURES TO RELIEVE TAXPAYERS' WALLET.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 12.—Speaker Cannon today took the bit in his teeth and ran completely away with legislative precedent in the house. Incidentally he broke all previous records in the dispatch of private pension bills. Under his guidance 320 of these measures of relief were passed by the house in 155 minutes. Nearly the whole of his time was consumed in committee of the whole. The house passed the bills "en bloc" under unanimous consent, which the speaker himself asked for. About half of the bills were disposed of under this request without amendment. When objection was temporarily made the speaker plainly showed his displeasure by dragging the proceedings. The objection was withdrawn, whereupon the remaining bills were declared passed without even the formality of having the clerk read their numbers.

When the committee of the whole had taken favorable action on 320 private pension bills, Speaker Cannon inaugurated an entirely new procedure to facilitate their passage by the house. The usual custom has been for the clerks to report each bill by number and title, and the speaker then putting the question for its engrossment and third reading when the title was again reported by the clerk. The question on the passage of the bill was again reported by the clerk. The question on the passage of the bill was then put by the speaker and the result of the vote announced which invariably was for the passage of the bill. Today Speaker Cannon followed this procedure with the first bill. He then suddenly stopped and addressing the house made this explanation:

"A large number of bills have been reported from the committee of the whole, with recommendation that they be passed without amendment. Gentlemen, you are aware that the committee of the whole house has had for some hours the said bills under consideration. Is there a desire upon the part of any member that any one of these bills that are recommended without amendment should be considered separately?"

Pausing for a moment, Mr. Cannon continued: "The chair propounds that query with a view to asking the house for unanimous consent that all of these respective bills be considered as read the third time, and passed upon the reading of their number by the clerk." After another pause the speaker repeated with great deliberation and emphasis on each word: "Is there objection?" Another pause elapsed, when the announcement came amidst applause, "The chair hears none."

Over 100 of the bills were disposed of in about five minutes. The bills with amendments were then reached, when the chair put the same question. Mr. Finley, of South Carolina, objected with the statement that he did not consider this mode of procedure proper for a legislative body. "The objection is perfectly proper," replied Speaker Cannon. "This method of procedure could only be done by unanimous consent and the chair has

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CARMACK READS SEN. MORGAN'S SPEECH

IT WAS A VIGOROUS OPPOSITION TO PRESIDENT'S POLICY IN REFERENCE TO THE ISTHMIAN CANAL.

Washington, Feb. 12.—The senate today listened to the reading by Mr. Carmack of a speech prepared by Mr. Morgan in opposition to the president's policy with reference to an isthmiian canal, and also considered the bill appropriating \$200,000 to ex-Queen Liliuokalani, of Hawaii. Speeches in support of the bill were made by Mr. Blackburn and Mr. Mitchell, and in opposition by Mr. Spooner and Platt (Conn.). Mr. Spooner moved to ge-committ the measure, but the vote on this motion failed to display a quorum and the senate was forced to adjourn.

Mr. Platt, of Connecticut, proposed an amendment striking out all words in the bill recognizing any claim and he supported the amendment by saying that if any payment was to be made it should be put on the ground of "a mere naked gratuity or gift." He said, however, that even if amended as suggested, he would not support the bill. Mr. Platt's amendment was agreed to but the amendment of the committee fixing the appropriation at \$200,000 was voted down, the figure being thus left blank.

IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Washington, Feb. 12.—The senate went into executive session today on motion of Senator Cullom. It was his purpose to resume debate on the Panama canal treaty, but no senator was ready to speak, and after confirming several nominations, the senate resumed open session.

NEGRO EDUCATION AND THE RACE PROBLEM

New York, Feb. 12.—Negro industrial education and its bearings on the race problem was discussed at a meeting of the Hampton Institute held here today by Andrew Carnegie, president of the Carnegie Corporation, and Principal Frisell, of Hampton Institute. Cleveland's Letter. Mr. Carnegie presided. Ex-President Cleveland sent a letter in which he said: "I am so completely convinced of the importance of the cause, as it is related to the solution of a problem no patriotic citizen should neglect that I look upon every attempt to stimulate popular interest and activity in its behalf as a duty of citizenship."

HANNA EMERGES FROM SHADOW OF DEATH

RESURRECTION OF BALTIMORE

She Will Emerge From Her Ashes More Beautiful

MODERN AND SUBSTANTIAL IN EVERY WAY

May be Finest City in the United States

NEW BUILDINGS WILL BE FIRE-PROOF AND WILL BE OF BEST CONSTRUCTION—BUSINESS RESUMING.

Baltimore, Feb. 12.—That Baltimore is to rise from its ashes more substantial, more modern and far more symmetrical, needs no further proof than was made manifest today by renewed expression on the part of Mayor McLane and the committee of public safety, by leading citizens that no building permits shall be issued until a plan has been made for realizing certain thoroughfares whose crookedness and narrowness have long constituted a blemish as well as embarrassment to municipal growth.

Grim Determination.

There is a grim determination visible on all sides that the new Baltimore shall be distinguished among American cities for both its material substance and its architectural art. The mayor and the committee of public safety are resolved that shells of building shall not be run up between fire-proof structures, as in the past, and thus serve as a standing invitation to the flames.

The business situation appeared brighter today than at any time since the great catastrophe. The regular transaction of business in the chambers of commerce, together with the receipt of grain by elevators and the payment of all checks by banks were events that established confidence throughout the business community.

Shaw's Response.

Secretary Shaw's splendid response to his call for currency has excited the admiration of all financiers here. By his prompt action all obstacles were swept away. The offer of a New York insurance company to lend \$2,000,000 to Baltimore for rebuilding purposes, is a

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Yesterday Afternoon it Was Thought Senator Was Dying

LIFE WAS SUPPORTED BY OXYGEN

He Lapsed Into Unconsciousness and Death Seemed Certain

MRS. HANNA WAS OUT DRIVING WHEN CHANGE FOR WORSE OCCURRED—DOCTORS GIVE MUCH HOPE.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Senator Hanna is passing through the climax of his illness and this afternoon it was feared he was dying, but tonight he rallied strongly and there is again some hope that he may yet win the fight. The odds are much against his recovery but the sturdy physique of the man, aided by oxygen and powerful stimulants brought him through this afternoon when he was sinking rapidly and possibly may again.

Question of Time. It is now a question how long the climax of the fever will last and how many and severe will be any of the acute attacks for today's spell was no severe that another probably would witness the end.

Today's acute attack came in the form of a chill about 8 o'clock and not long afterward Senator Hanna passed into unconsciousness not to return until aroused at 6 o'clock. His pulse at this time ran up to 150 and was so feeble it was not perceptible at times. Three hours or so later, however, he had shaken off the attack to so great an extent that Dr. Osler, the Baltimore physician in attendance, came from the sick room at 9:35 o'clock and said there had been a decided improvement and that the patient's pulse was much stronger and had fallen nearly twenty points.

Doctors Give Hope.

Miss Mary Phelps, the senator's niece, was near at hand when the doctor came from the sick-room and when she heard the announcement of the rally she asked: "Then you have hope, Doctor?"

"Hope," the doctor replied, "of course there is hope. When a man rallies from a sinking spell such as the senator had this afternoon and showed such strength afterward there is the best ground for hope."

The first information from the sick

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REMARKABLE SCENE WAS WITNESSED AT REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

News of Hanna's Critical Condition Had Quieting Effect on Fighting Candidates—Much Sympathy Expressed by Leading Speakers—Squabble on Roosevelt

Cleveland, O., Feb. 12.—A dramatic scene, seldom, if ever equalled in the history of Ohio politics, occurred at the convention of the Ohio League of Republican clubs this afternoon, connecting as it did the presidential endorsement of the leagues and the critical condition of Senator Hanna. A spirited fight had been precipitated by his report of the committee on resolutions, endorsing the candidacy of President Roosevelt for re-nomination. This was opposed by the Montgomery delegation and a heated speech was made by Hon. Robert Nevin, of Dayton, supporting the stand of the delegation. The Roosevelt spirit was

plainly predominant. Amid much confusion the Roosevelt resolution was adopted, only Montgomery county dissenting. At this psychological moment Governor Herrick arose on the platform and in a voice choking with emotion, read a telegram from Washington announcing that oxygen was being used to sustain Senator Hanna and that it was feared that his condition was hopeless. A death-like stillness followed when the governor concluded. The transition from the rampant scene preceding the announcement to the subdued aspect of the assemblage afterwards was so sudden as to be almost shocking.

RUSSIA IS IN NO HURRY TO ANSWER UNCLE SAM'S NOTE

St. Petersburg, Feb. 12.—Russia is evidently not prepared at this time to give an answer to the United States to Secretary Hay's note on the subject of the neutrality of China. As previously stated in these dispatches hostilities having begun the military authorities must be consulted, and the cabinet will refer the matter to Viceroy Alexieff if he has not already done so. Russia, it can be said, is certainly as anxious as the United States that the war cause no risings or disorders

in China. Indeed the attitude of China is already causing some misgivings here as she has not yet declared her neutrality. It is thought here that the action of the Japanese in flooding Pekin with posters relating their victories is part of a well laid campaign projected from the beginning to break down Russia's prestige in China for the purpose of ultimately effecting the union of the two races which would make the "Yellow Peril" a reality.

Atlantic Coast Line Strikers Are Warned of Dismissal

Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 12.—There were no developments today in the matter of the strike by Atlantic Coast Line maintenance of way employees. President J. T. Wilson, of the International Brotherhood, M. W. E., arrived tonight from St. Louis, but said he could give nothing out for publication. Striking employees are instructed that if they have not returned to their ac-

customed work on the morning of February 14, they will be regarded as having voluntarily left the service and are directed to vacate the houses owned by the company. The total number of employees in the maintenance of way department is said not to exceed 3,000. It is stated that only a small percentage of them have quit work. There is no perceptible irregularity of traffic.



Ready to Fight at the Drop of the Hat.